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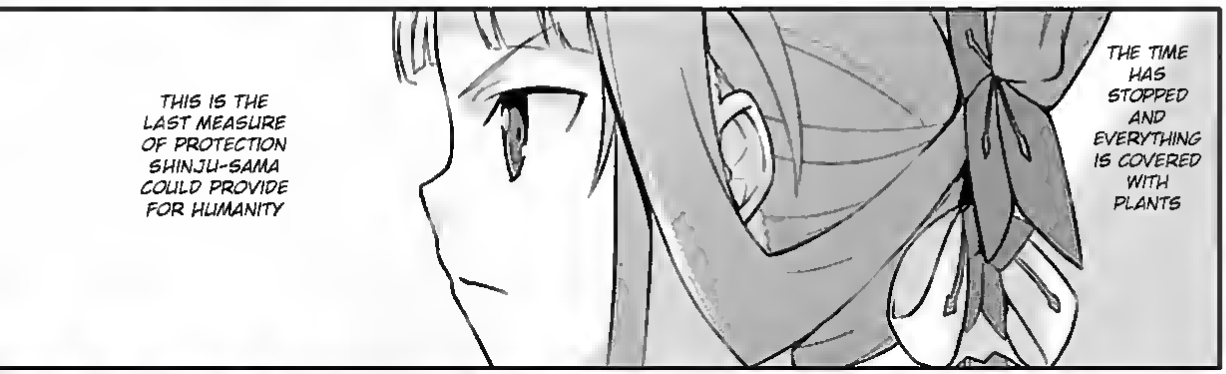
CHAPTER 3
FIRST BATTLE
JUKAI——
VERTEXES ARE RETURNING TO SHIKOKU AFTER THREE YEARS!


THIS IS THE LAST MEASURE OF PROTECTION SHINJU-SAMA COULD PROVIDE FOR HUMANITY
THE TIME HAS STOPPED AND EVERYTHING IS COVERED WITH PLANTS

WAKABA-CHAN
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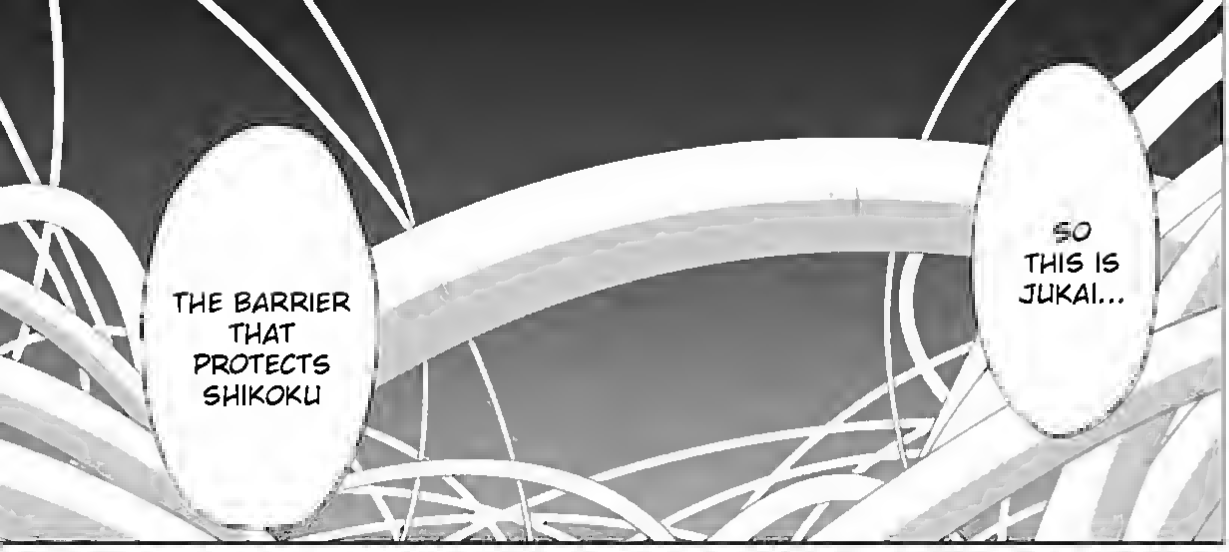
I'M GLAD WE WERE ABLE TO REJOIN

I'M ALWAYS READY FOR THE BATTLEFIELD
HEY, YOU'VE ALREADY TRANS-FORMED!?

THAT'S OUR LEADER

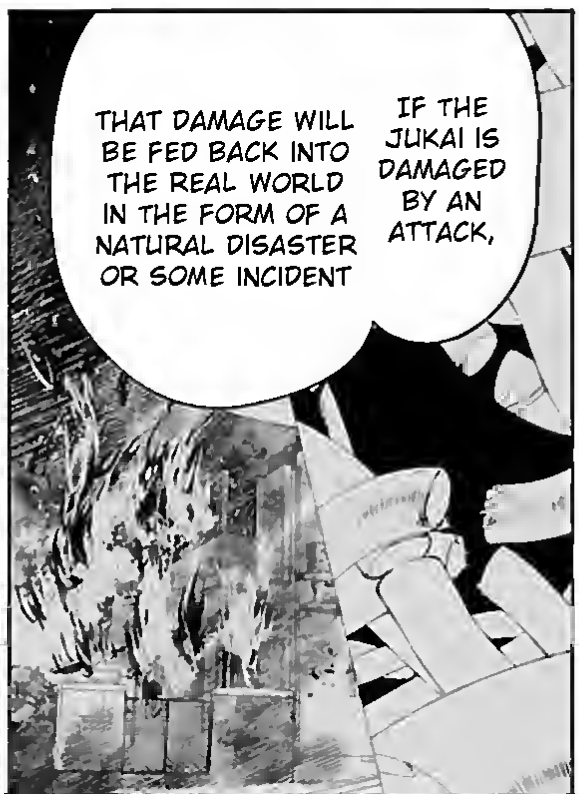
IT'S YOU GUYS
EVERYTHING'S CHANGED SO QUICKLY, I WAS REALLY SHOCKED!


THE BARRIER THAT PROTECTS SHIKOKU
SO THIS IS JUKAI...

IT'S A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD

ITS DEFENCE ISN'T PERFECT.
NEVER FORGET THAT

ALSO, THE LONGER FORESTIZATION GOES ON, THE MORE IT CONSUMES SHINJU-SAMA'S POWER
AND IF SHINJU-SAMA WILL RUN OUT OF IT, PEOPLE IN SHIKOKU WON'T BE ABLE TO SURVIVE


IF THE JUKAI IS DAMAGED BY AN ATTACK,
THAT DAMAGE WILL BE FED BACK INTO THE REAL WORLD IN THE FORM OF A NATURAL DISASTER OR SOME INCIDENT

THEREFORE, WE HAVE TO COOPERATE AND ANNIHILATE THE ENEMIES AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN
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BUT WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T FIGHT
CO-OPERATE ...
HOW CAN WE EVEN FIGHT IN THIS STATE?
KOORI-SAN
YOU'VE SAID TOO MUCH

I'M SORRY ...
THAT'S ENOUGH
IYO-JIMA ...
I UNDER-STAND THAT YOU'RE AFRAID, BUT YOU HAVE TO FIGHT
IT"S THE DUTY OF A COMMANDER TO RAISE THEIR TROOP"S MORALE
... SORRY
DON'T PUT HER UNDER PRES-SURE
GUYS
.....
COULD IT BE THAT YOU LACK LEADERSHIP QUALITIES?

I KNOW IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE'RE ALL GETTING ALONG,
BUT LET'S LEAVE THE TALKING FOR LATER!
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GETTING ALONG?
B-BUT, YOU KNOW
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WHA-
THAT'S WRONG !!!
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THEY SAY IT TAKES GOOD FRIENDS TO ARGUE WITH EACH OTHER...
IF YOU WANT TO ARGUE, YOU SHOULD DO IT WITH THEM
VERTEXES ARE COMING HERE...

...YEAH
EVERY-THING'S... AS YOU SAY
THAT'S RIGHT
WELL THEN, ARE YOU READY!?
WE'LL BE HEROES WHO GET ALONG!

I-I'M SORRY
DON'T SWEAT IT
WE'LL BE FINE OURSELVES
... OKAY
SO YOU CAN'T TRANSFORM WITHOUT PREPARED-NESS TO FIGHT...
SORRY FOR THE LATTER
I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SAYING SUCH THINGS...
SO NOW I'M GOING
星屑
接敵注意
乃木若葉

TO LET MY ACTIONS SPEAK FOR ME
AS A LEADER
I DON'T CARE IF SOME PEOPLE CAN'T FIGHT

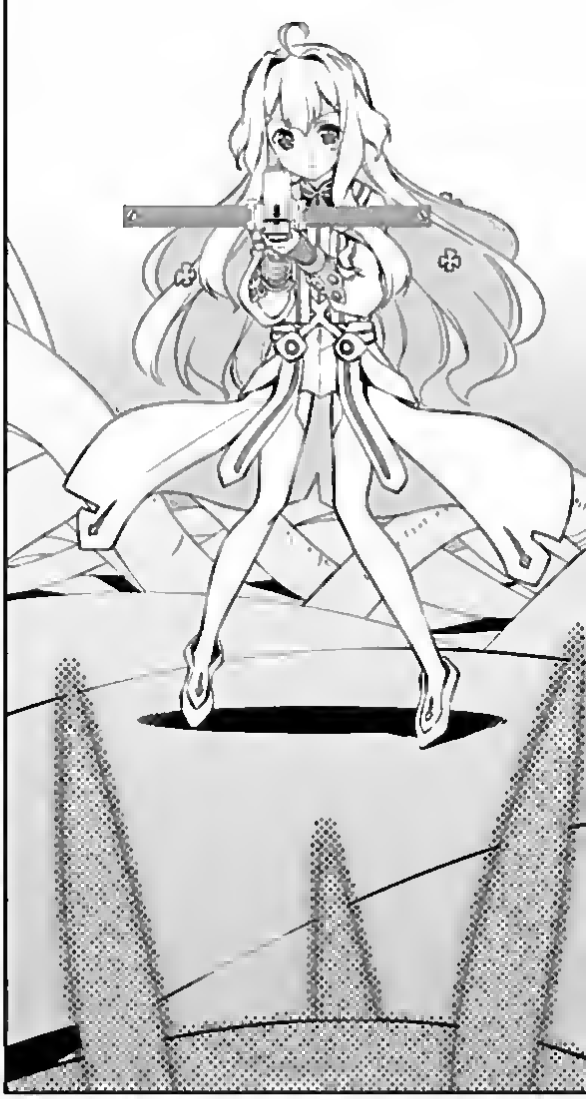
I JUST HAVE TO TAKE MORE ENEMIES DOWN MYSELF

HEROES! FOLLOW ME!

HERO PUNCH!
LET"S GO!

DOI-SAN, BEHIND YOU!
TCH! I WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME!

I THOUGHT I HAVE TO SAVE TAMACCHI-SENPAI
AND I WAS ABLE TO TRANS-FORM



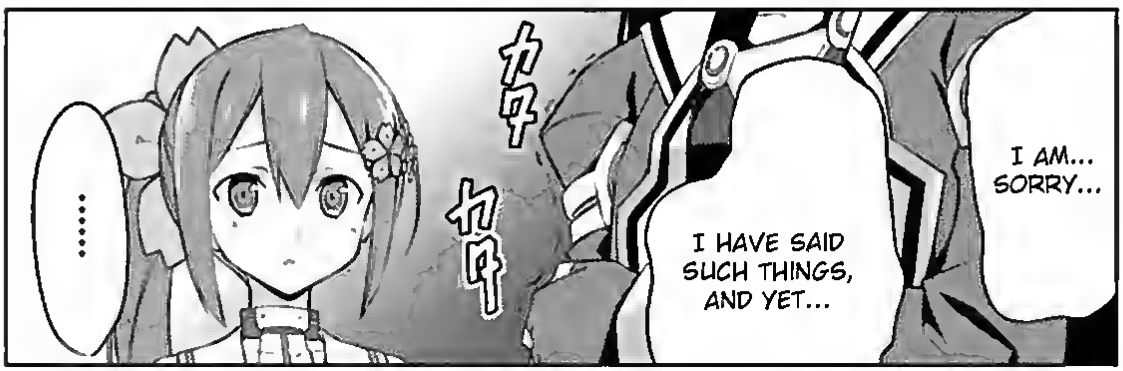
ANZU...

ALRIGHT,
TAMA'S GONNA STAY IN FRONT, SO COVER FOR ME!
OKAY!

EVEN IYOJI-MA-SAN'S FIGHT-ING
...
HOW COULD I BLAME HER?
...
WHY CAN'T I MAKE MY-SELF MOVE?
UUH
WHY

WHAT'S WRONG?
TAKA-SHIMA ... SAN ...

GUN-CHAN


I AM... SORRY...
I HAVE SAID SUCH THINGS, AND YET...
.....

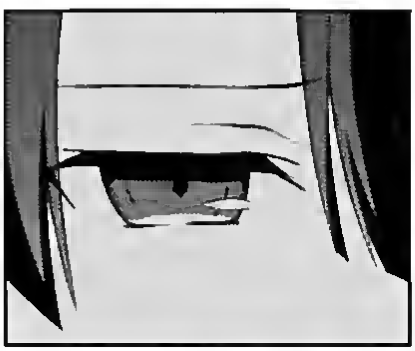
I'M RIGHT BESIDE YOU

DON'T WORRY

TAKA-SHIMA-SAN!
ENEMIES ...
LET'S GO TOGE-THER
SO BELIEVE IN YOUR OWN POWER!
WE WON'T LOSE TO THE LIKES OF THEM

I DID IT...
YEAH
amazing!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT! ONTO THE NEXT ONES!
CAN'T BELIEVE I WAS AFRAID OF THEM...

WAKABA-CHAN'S SO COOL, RIGHT?
SHE'S ATTRACTING ENEMIES ATTENTION
AND FIGHTING SO MANY OF THEM



DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD ACKNOW-LEDGE HER?

MY BODY IS MOVING

YOU'RE... RIGHT

THE POWER SPRINGS OUT
IS THAT SUWA HAS SLOWED DOWN ENEMY PROGRESSION
THE REASON WHY SHIKOKU CAME PREPARED FOR THIS FIGHT
I SWEAR I WILL PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF SHIKOKU
SHIRATORI-SAN...

...THAT ONE'S
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EVOLVED!

NOW THAT WAS CLOSE
IS IT A REFLECTIVE PLATE?
IT REPELLED MY ATTACK, TOO.
WE'LL NEED SOMETHING SPECIAL

I'M GOING TO USE MY "TRUMP CARD" AND...
IF ONE HIT WON'T WORK_
THEN I JUST GOTTA KEEP HITTING IT A HUNDRED, A THOUSAND TIME MORE!
YUUNA!?
THIS IS...
COUNTLESS THINGS ARE STORED WITHIN SHINJU AS CONCEPTUAL RECORDS WHICH ONE CAN ACCESS
AND CAUSE THEIR POWER TO MANIFEST IN ONE'S OWN BODY. A "TRUMP CARD"

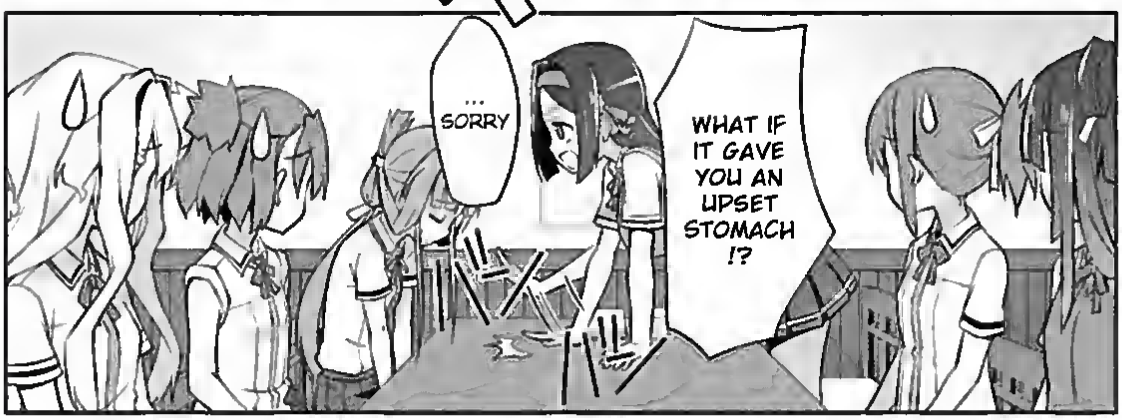
THE SPIRIT (FAIRY) THAT EMBODIES THE STORM
ICHIMOKUREN

ONE THOU-SAND!
CONSE-CUTIVE HERO
PUUUUNCHES!

DAMMIT, YUUNA...

WAKABA!
OH SHI-
GROSS. THAT'S NOT VERY PALATABLE
she bit it off...
TAMA'S... NOT GONNA PISS THAT GIRL OFF ANYMORE
ME TOO

WAKABA-CHAN!
YOU CAN'T GO EATING WIERD THING LIKE THAT
THEY ATE MY FRIEND IN THE PAST, SO I GAVE SOME THEM PAYBACK


WHAT IF IT GAVE YOU AN UPSET STOMACH !?
... SORRY

YA KNOW, IT WAS PREVIOUSLY DECIDED BY TAISHA
WE'VE ALL BEEN TALKIN' AFTER THE FIGHT

WAKABA, CAN I HAVE A MINUTE?
WHAT IS IT?

WELL ... UM ...
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME?
.....!!
BUT NOW WE WANTED TO ASK YA TO BE OUR LEADER OURSELVES
YOUR EFFORTS PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE... AND TAKASHIMA-SAN SAID SO, TOO...
SO I DON'T OBJECT
WE'VE ALREADY DECIDED ON THAT, HAVEN'T WE?
DO IT AGAIN.
KOORI-SA-
NOW, NOW
THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
HINATA
YUUNA
コホッ
WE HAVE

ANZU

TAMAKO

CHIKAGE

THANK YOU, GUYS.
YOU CAN RELY ON ME

ALRIGHT THEN. THINK WE NEED TO THROW A PARTY TO CELEBRATE A NEW START FOR SHIKOKU HEROES
LET'S GO GRAB SOME UDON!
LET'S DO IT!
... OKAY
ADVERSITY STRENGTHENS THE FOUNDATIONS